

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re patent application of:

Rieping, *et al.*

Appl. No.: 10/817,431

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For: **Process for the Production  
of L-Amino Acids Using Strains  
of the Enterobacteriaceae Family**



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**Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the Office Action in the above-captioned application dated June 1, 2006, be extended through the date of filing of this Petition, fee payment, and accompanying Amendment and Response.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17) for a large entity is believed to be \$120.00 for a one-month extension. This fee may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 06-1135 under Order No. 7909/84003. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than that provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned and may also be charged to our Deposit Account No. 06-1135 under Order No. 7601/84003.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 06-1135 under Order No. 7601/84003.

Respectfully submitted,

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